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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services California Service Center Processing Dates Posted September 15, 2007

Notice: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has improved the reporting procedure for processing times of immigration benefit applications. In the past, USCIS benefit processing reports indicated the specific type of applications or petitions that were being processed and the date the cases were received. However, the date the case was received did not provide a clear indication of when USCIS expected to complete the case, nor did it provide a clear indication of USCIS' commitment to process cases within a certain cycle time. It also did not align with the processing times and cycle times the agency reports in other contexts.

This improved reporting procedure is an effort to give our customers more accurate information that better reflects current processing time and USCIS service level commitments. Effective immediately, when we are completing applications and petitions within our service level goals we will report the USCIS service level commitment. For example, when our service level goal is to process a particular kind of case within six months, and if our processing time is six months or less, we will show "6 months".

When we are not meeting our service level goal, the date posted will reflect the filing date of cases that are being completed. It should be noted that while in some instances reported processing dates may appear to have regressed due to this change, they do not reflect a lengthening of USCIS processing times, but simply the change in reporting. Our goal is to provide accurate projections and thus give customers clear expectations as to what they can expect as a processing time.

There are several important exceptions to the processing times shown below:

- Case processing will be delayed if we must ask you for more evidence or information.
If we ask for missing required initial evidence, count the processing time from when we receive that missing evidence.
- The case processing timeframe will start over if a customer doesn't appear for an interview or asks that it be rescheduled.

What if I have a problem or have questions about a case?

We offer a variety of services after you file. For example, for most kinds of cases you can [check the status of your case online](#).

For more information about when and how to contact us, whether your case is outside our processing time or if there are other issues, please see our fact sheet –

[Case Services - How do I... know what kind of services are available to me after I file my application or petition?](#)

One additional point about these projections. They are the time to complete processing and mail the actual notice and/or document. If you check case status online and see that your case has been approved, and you haven't yet received your approval notice or document in the mail, we ask that you wait thirty days from the approval date before contacting us. That is because it may take that long before it is returned to us as undeliverable. You can also print the case status online answer for your records.

Service Center Processing Dates for **California Service Center** Posted September 15, 2007

| Form | Title | Classification or Basis for Filing | Processing |
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| Form | Title | Classification or Basis for Filing | Timeframe |
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| I-90 | Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card | Initial issuance or replacement | 6 Months |
| I-102 | Application for Replacement/Initial Nonimmigrant Arrival/Departure Record | Initial issuance or replacement of a Form I-94 | 3 Months |
| I-129 | Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker | H-1B - Specialty occupation - Visa to be issued abroad | 2 Months |
| I-129 | Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker | H-1B - Specialty occupation - Change of status in the U.S. | 2 Months |
| I-129 | Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker | H-1B - Specialty occupation - Extension of stay in the U.S. | 2 Months |
| I-129 | Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker | H-2A - Temporary workers | 15 Days |
| I-129 | Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker | H-2B - Other temporary workers | 30 Days |
| I-129 | Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker | H-3 - Temporary trainees | 2 Months |
| I-129 | Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker | E - Treaty traders and investors | 2 Months |
| I-129 | Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker | L - Intracompany transfers | 30 Days |
| I-129 | Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker | Blanket L | 2 Months |
| I-129 | Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker | O - Extraordinary ability | 2 Months |
| I-129 | Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker | P - Athletes, artists, and entertainers | 2 Months |
| I-129 | Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker | Q - Cultural exchange visitors and exchange visitors participating in the Irish Peace process | 2 Months |
| I-129 | Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker | R - Religious occupation | 2 Months |
| I-129 | Petition for A Nonimmigrant Worker | TN - North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) professional | 2 Months |
| I-129F | Petition for Alien Fiance(e) | K-1/K-2 - Not yet married - fiance and/or dependent child | March 15, 2007 |
| I-130 | Petition for Alien Relative | U.S. citizen filing for a spouse, parent, or child under 21 | 6 Months |
| I-130 | Petition for Alien Relative | U.S. citizen filing for an unmarried son or daughter over 21 | January 17, 2003 |
| I-130 | Petition for Alien Relative | U.S. citizen filing for a married son or daughter over 21 | April 30, 2001 |
| I-130 | Petition for Alien Relative | U.S. citizen filing for a brother or sister | April 30, 2001 |
| I-130 | Petition for Alien Relative | Permanent resident filling for a spouse or child under 21 | January 01, 2005 |
| I-130 | Petition for Alien Relative | Permanent resident filling for an unmarried son or daughter over 21 | February 07, 2005 |
| I-131 | Application for Travel Document | All other applicants for advance parole | May 06, 2007 |
| I-212 | Application for Permission to Reapply for Admission into the U.S. After Deportation or Removal | Readmission after deportation or removal | 6 Months |
| I-360 | Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant | All other special immigrants | July 09, 2006 |
| I-485 | Application to Register Permanent Residence or to Adjust Status | Employment-based adjustment applications | 6 Months |
| I-526 | Immigrant Petition By Alien Entrepreneur | For use by an entrepreneur who wishes to immigrate to the United States | March 02, 2007 |
| I-539 | Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status | Change of status to H or L dependents | 3 Months |

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| I-539 | Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status | Change status to the F or M academic or vocational student categories | 3 Months |
| I-539 | Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status | Change Status to the J exchange visitor category | 3 Months |
| I-539 | Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status | All other change of status applications | 3 Months |
| I-539 | Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status | Extension of stay for H and L dependents | 3 Months |
| I-539 | Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status | Extension of Stay for F or M academic or vocational students | 3 Months |
| I-539 | Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status | Extension of Stay for J exchange visitors | 3 Months |
| I-539 | Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status | All other extension applications | 3 Months |
| I-612 | Application for Waiver of the Foreign Residence Requirement | Application for a waiver of the 2-year foreign residence requirement based on exceptional hardship or persecution | January 13, 2007 |
| I-751 | Petition to Remove the Conditions on Residence | Removal of lawful permanent resident conditions (spouses of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents) | 6 Months |
| I-765 | Application for Employment Authorization | Based on a request by a qualified F-1 academic student. [(c)(3)] | 11 Weeks |
| I-765 | Application for Employment Authorization | Based on a pending asylum application [(c)(8)] | 30 Days |
| I-765 | Application for Employment Authorization | Based on a pending I-485 adjustment application [(c)(9)] | 11 Weeks |
| I-765 | Application for Employment Authorization | Based on TPS for Honduras/Nicaragua [(c)(19), (a)(12)] | 11 Weeks |
| I-765 | Application for Employment Authorization | Based on TPS for El Salvador [(c)(19)(a)(12)] | 11 Weeks |
| I-765 | Application for Employment Authorization | All other applications for employment authorization | 11 Weeks |
| I-817 | Application for Family Unity Benefits | Voluntary departure under the family unity program | December 29, 2005 |
| I-824 | Application for Action on an Approved Application or Petition | To request further action on an approved application or petition | 6 Months |
| I-829 | Petition by Entrepreneur to Remove Conditions | Removal of lawful permanent resident conditions (immigrant investors) | 6 Months |
| I-829 | Petition by Entrepreneur to Remove Conditions | Removal of lawful permanent resident conditions (immigrant investors) based on PL107-273 | September 10, 1997 |

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